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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARIES' MEETING, OCTOBER 12 ON CIEC
INITIATIVES

FOR ROGERS FROM KATZ

1. REACTIONS OF OTHER AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES -- GENERALLY
AT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL -- WERE NEGATIVE AT
THIS SESSION TO ALL THREE EB PROPOSALS. GENERAL VIEW WAS
THAT WE SHOULD GO INTO CIEC FINAL PHASE WITH CURRENT
POSITIONS AND ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES OF POSSIBLE CONFRONTA-
TION. IT IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR THAT THIS REPRESENTS VIEWS OF
POLICY LEVEL IN THESE AGENCIES. WE, THEREFORE UNDERTOOK TO
REVISE THE PAPERS IN LIGHT OF SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS MADE
AT THE MEETING SO THAT THESE COULD BE CONSIDERED AT A
HIGHER-LEVEL MEETING AFTER YOUR RETURN. WE WILL ALSO
PREPARE A PAPER ON THE POLITICAL CASE FOR A STRONGER U.S.
HAND IN THE LAST PHASE OF CIEC.

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2. THERE WAS SOME CONCERN THAT U.S. INITIATIVES, IF ANY,

NOT BE TABLED BEFORE NOVEMBER, WHEN WE CAN HAVE CLEARER PICTURE OF WHAT WE ARE BUYING AND OF WHETHER OR NOT G-19 WILL PRESS FOR POSTPONEMENT OF MINISTERIAL IN ANY EVENT.

3. SPECIFIC CRITICISMS OF INITIATIVES, OF WHICH WE WILL TAKE ACCOUNT IN NEXT DRAFTS, WERE THE FOLLOWING:

-- INITIATIVE ON INCREASED AID FOR LOW-INCOME LDCS IS STILL TOO CLOSELY TIED TO DEBT-PROBLEM COUNTRIES;

-- OTHER DONORS MAY NOT BUY INCREMENTAL APPROACH FROM U.S., SINCE WE ARE SO FAR BEHIND 0.7 PERCENT TARGET ACCEPTED BY OTHERS;

-- OUR AID PROPOSAL DEPENDS ON U.S. LEVELS YET TO BE APPROVED BY OMB AND THE PRESIDENT. IT IS DIFFICULT TO AVOID CRITICISM THAT PROPOSED INCREASED AID FROM U.S. REPRESENTS NO MORE THAN WE WOULD DO IN ANY EVENT.

-- ON ENERGY INITIATIVE, WAY IN WHICH PROPOSED OFFICIAL FINANCING MOBILIZES CRUCIAL PRIVATE INVESTOR INVOLVEMENT WAS NOT CLEAR ENOUGH;

-- FEASIBILITY OF A NEW WORLD BANK AFFILIATE AND SEPARATE FUNDING WAS QUESTIONED;

-- ON TRADE INITIATIVE, STR QUESTIONED HOW WE COULD MAINTAIN OUR INTEREST IN RECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS, IF PROPOSALS LAUNCHED IN CIEC.

4. WE WILL HAVE REVISED PAPERS READY FOR YOU WHEN YOU RETURN. KISSINGER

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